



## **AAI Careers in Immunology Fellowships Application**

### **Deadline: March 15, 2017**

The AAI Careers in Immunology Fellowship Program supports the career development of young scientists by providing eligible PIs with one year of salary support for a trainee in their labs. The fellowship does not pay fringe benefits or other indirect costs to the institution.

#### **Eligibility**

Applicants (PIs) must be independent research scientists who are AAI regular members in good standing. Trainees must also be AAI members in good standing at the time of application and have a current Trainee Certification Form on record with AAI. PIs and trainees are required to remain AAI members in good standing for the duration of the award period. Scientists employed by for-profit corporations or government agencies, AAI Council members, and AAI Fellowship Committee members are ineligible to apply.

At the time of application, the PI should have no more than \$250,000 U.S. dollars (USD) in total annual direct costs (excluding PI salary) from all funding sources, including start-up funds. Funding mechanisms and levels must be confirmed by the applicant's department head or dean via signature on the Funding Confirmation Form (included with application). A PI may submit only one fellowship application per award cycle. PIs who have previously received an AAI Careers in Immunology Fellowship are not eligible to receive the award a second time (for the same or a different trainee).

Predocutorial trainees must have passed their Ph.D. qualifying/candidacy exams by the application deadline (March 15) to be eligible for a fellowship. Postdoctoral fellows must be in years 1-5 of their postdoctoral training (start date on or after March 15, 2012); later-stage fellows (years 6 and beyond) will not be supported. To qualify as a candidate for postdoctoral support, the trainee must have passed his/her Ph.D. thesis defense by the fellowship application deadline. Postdoctoral fellows who have completed five years of training and transitioned into a second postdoctoral position at the same or a different institution are not eligible for the award. Trainees funded under the fellowship program may not be supported concomitantly by other fellowships that provide salary compensation.

Consideration for award is based on the merit of the PI's proposed project, potential of the trainee, and the quality of the training environment.

#### **Fellowship Support**

Applicants may request salary support for a maximum of one predocutorial student or one postdoctoral fellow.

Award consideration is based on the merit of the PI's proposed project, potential of the trainee, quality of the training environment, and financial need.

Successful applicants will receive salary support for one trainee commensurate with the National Institutes of Health National Research Service Award (NRSA) standards<sup>1</sup> in practice at the time of the award. Changes to NRSA standards after the fellowship award date will not result in additional or reduced compensation from AAI. Salary

support will be discontinued if the Fellow terminates or suspends employment for any reason (e.g. graduates, leaves lab, leave of absence, etc.) or if the PI or Fellow fails to renew AAI membership during the award period.

Salary compensation levels for trainees in programs at non-US institutions will be determined according to the national salary guidelines of the country in which their institution is located but will not exceed the NRSA standard for the respective level of the trainee. No indirect costs will be made to the institution.

### **Fellowship Terms and Conditions**

Fellowship decisions will be announced by end of June, and funding for successful applicants will commence in September, 2017.

PIs are required to submit a short report and accounting of the use of funds just prior to the conclusion of the funding year. Any publications or works created by the Fellow must acknowledge support by this AAI program as follows: *Author X was supported by The American Association of Immunologists through a Careers in Immunology Fellowship.*

It is the responsibility of the PI and the Fellow, in conjunction with their institution, to ensure that all academic and research activities carried out in or outside the US comply with the laws or regulations of the US and/or of the foreign country in which the academic and/or research activities are conducted.

### **Application Process**

Applicants are required to provide the following in the application package:

1. A completed Careers in Immunology Fellowship Application (*Please note that the Funding Confirmation Form page must be signed by the Department Chair/Dean.*)
2. The PI's NIH Biosketch
3. The trainee's CV or NIH Biosketch
4. Documentation from your department that is signed by the student's Program or Department Chair and confirms that the trainee has passed the candidacy/qualifying exam (REQUIRED FOR PREDOCTORAL TRAINEES ONLY).

AAI Regular members may submit the award application by logging into their AAI member accounts at [https://aai.org/cvweb\\_aai/MainLogin.shtml](https://aai.org/cvweb_aai/MainLogin.shtml) and choosing "Apply for Fellowship" in the "Member Benefits" menu. All documents should be uploaded as a single combined PDF file with a file name of less than 25 characters. Please be aware that the single, combined PDF must be no larger than 20MB. Packages that are not complete will not be considered. Please direct questions regarding the AAI Careers in Immunology Fellowship to [fellowships@aai.org](mailto:fellowships@aai.org).

*AAI encourages applications from and for women and underrepresented minority scientists.*

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#### <sup>1</sup> NIH NRSA stipends

Year 0-1	\$47,484
Year 1-2	\$47,844
Year 2-3	\$48,216
Year 3-4	\$50,316
Year 4-5	\$52,140
Year 5-6	\$54,228

#### NIH NRSA Predoctoral stipends

All years	\$23,376
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# The American Association of Immunologists Careers in Immunology Fellowship Application

(This form must be completed in its entirety, signed, and submitted with other requested materials.)

*Please print legibly or type.*

<b>APPLICANT (PI) INFORMATION</b>									
Last Name		First Name or Initial		Middle Name or Initial		Title/ Position			
Institution					Department				
Street Address									
City		State			Country				
Zip Code		Phone		Fax		Email			
AAI Member ID					Total Funding in U.S. Dollars (from Funding Confirmation Form)				
Signature						Date			
<b>TRAINEE INFORMATION</b>									
Last Name		First Name or Initial		Middle Name or Initial		Title/ Position			
Institution					Department				
Street Address									
City		State			Country				
Zip Code		Phone		Fax		Email			
AAI Member ID					Degree		Degree Date /Exp. Degree Date		
Candidacy Exam Date (if pre-doc)									
Signature						Date			

**A. Research Plan** (2 page maximum; see page 2 of Application Instructions for formatting requirements):

## **A. Research Plan (contd...)**

**B. PI Statement** (*1 page maximum; see page 3 of Application Instructions for formatting requirements*):

**C. Justification Statement** (2 paragraph maximum; see page 3 of Application Instructions for formatting requirements):

**D. List Other Trainees and Laboratory Staff Currently Under the PI's Supervision:**

First Name	Last Name	Position

**E. Trainee Statement** *(1 page maximum; see page 3 of Application Instructions for formatting requirements):*





# The American Association of Immunologists Funding Confirmation Form

(This form must be completed in its entirety and signed by the  
Department Chair or Dean.)

*Please print legibly or type.*

AAI Member ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name/Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Research Support:** Please list all mechanisms of support individually including federal, state or private grants; departmental support; start-up funds; and other support (excluding PI salary). **Attach a second sheet if needed.** If a grant is under a no-cost extension, specify the amount of funding which remains. For grants on which you are a co-investigator, list only the funds allocated for your use. If you have no funding, please state “none”.

**Information for each column must be filled out completely for each mechanism of research support in order for your application to be considered.**

Grant type/number	Funding organization	Funding period	Role (e.g., PI, co-I)	Direct costs for FY 2017 (in U.S. Dollars)
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Total \_\_\_\_\_

### **Department Chair/Dean Certification of Applicant's Funding Status**

**I hereby certify that the applicant is a faculty member engaged in full-time research and the information provided on this form is correct and complete.**

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*Print Name of Department Chair/Dean*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

AAI Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (If applicable)

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Applications missing complete information on research funding support will not be considered.**